

# **Arizona Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability**

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# Overview



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# Background



- Arizona's SCIP Strategic Initiative #12 is to: "Create and Implement an Education and Outreach Plan in Support of Interoperable Communications."
- The PSIC Office developed a Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability to be reviewed annually. The Plan:
  - Provides information and resources to emergency response policy makers and practitioners about interoperable communications initiatives and directives that impact the State.
  - Encourages participation and gives direction to stakeholders for supporting education and outreach activities.
  - Is intended for all Arizona stakeholders (not just PSIC staff) to use as a resource for their outreach efforts.

# Plan Structure



- The 2011 Plan was approved by PSCC on April 19, 2011 and is available online at: [www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/](http://www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/).
- The Outreach Plan is comprised of seven sections:
  1. Introduction
  2. Goals
  3. Fundamental Messages
  4. Outreach Tactics
  5. Stakeholder Roles
  6. Targeted Interoperability Topics
  7. Next Steps

# Annual Review & Update



- The PSIC Office is conducting the annual review and update to the plan. Revisions will incorporate interoperable communications priorities for 2012.
- Section 6, Targeted Interoperability Topics, will be the focus for revisions.
- In the Plan, each topic is presented with background information and supporting materials.
- The Targeted Interoperability Topics in the 2011 Plan were:
  - FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
  - Interoperable Channel (National, Regional, AIRS, etc.) Usage
  - NECP Goals, CASM & TICPs

# Proposed Revisions



- Since the January SIEC meeting, the PSIC Office has solicited stakeholder input regarding the Targeted Interoperability Topics that should be considered priorities for inclusion in the 2012 Plan.
- Taking into consideration stakeholder feedback and recent interoperable communications developments at the Federal and State level, PSIC made recommendations to the PSCC during the April meeting to update and revise the Targeted Interoperability Topics for 2012 (see next slide).

# Proposed Interoperability Topics



- **UPDATE:** FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
  - No topic change; additional resources available since 2011 publication
- **NEW:** National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)
  - Legislative background; H.R. 3630 legislation to create the NPSBN; State involvement and PSIC Office role
  - Wireless broadband will supplement—not replace—land mobile radio (LMR) for voice communications
- **UPDATE/EXPAND:** NECP Gap Closure (Regional Interoperability Planning: CASM, TICPs & SCMPs, AIRS and other Resources)
  - Support for regional interoperability planning efforts; use of CASM tool; development of TICPs and SCMPs
  - Interoperable Channel Usage will no longer be stand-alone topic, but will be included as part of this topic

## Next Steps



- The Draft Plan will be emailed to interested parties for feedback and posted on the PSIC website for a 2 week comment period.
- Based on the input received, PSIC will make additional revisions to the Plan.
- PSIC will post the updated version of the Plan two weeks prior to the July PSCC meeting (in hopes of PSCC approving the Plan during that meeting).





**Discussion; Questions?**

**Thank You!**

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